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SUBJ: EBOUA REPEATS REQUEST FOR TRANSCAM III AID

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1. AFTER FAREWELL DINNER GIVEN AUGUST 10 AT AMERICAN RESIDENCE FOR DEPARTING EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, EBOUA PULLED ME TO SIDE TO TELL ME THAT PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAD ASKED ABOUT US AID FOR TRANSCAM III - EVEN THOUGH THIS HAD BEEN MENTIONED DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL. I WENT OVER DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE AND RELATED MATTERS AND MY EFFORTS DURING MAY CONSULTATIONS, WHICH, I TOLD EBOUA, I PLANNED TO RESUME DURING SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS. HE ASSURED ME, AS HE HAD DURING EARLIER CONVERSATION, THAT SINGLE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH US EMBASSY ON TRANSCAM WOULD BE DESIGNATED AND THAT WE WOULD BE GIVEN FULL INFORMATION ON RANGE OF AID POSSIBILITIES FOR RAILROAD AND RELATED PORT OF DOUALA.

2. COMMENT: DISCUSSION OF SAME SUBJECT TWICE DURING SINGLE DAY MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO EMPHASIZE HIGH PRIORITY GURC ATTACHES TO TRANSCAM III AID. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT EBOUA HAD SEEN AHIDJO AFTER MORNING CONVERSATION AND AHIDJO FELT RAILROAD HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY EMPHASIZED.
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